(b) the proposals which have since been approved by the Central Government; and

(c) the time by which the remaining proposals are likely to be approvd?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No irrigation scheme of Tamil Nadu has been recieved in Central Water Commission during the last 3 years for techno-economic appraisal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Inter-linking of major rivers

4628. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a national perspective for the transfer of water from water surplus areas to water daficit areas;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have undertaken any detailed studies on inter-linking of major rivers in each component;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what are the details of targets envisaged in the Eighth Plan and to what extent additional irrigation potential through major, medium and minor irrigation schemes have been created so far during the first two years of the Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A National Perspective for Water Resources Development prepared by Government envisages inter-linkages between various Peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers separately for transfer of water from water rich basins to water short basins for optimum utilisation of water resources. Government has established National Water Development Agency (NWDA) in 1982 for firming up these proposals.

(c) and (d) A total of 36 water transfer links, 17 under Peninsular component and 19 under Himalayan component have been identified by National Water Development Agency. Out of these, office studies of 12 links under Peninsular component have been completed. In addition field survey & investigation work in respect of 3 links under Peninsular component taken up during 1991-92 are programmed for completion in 1993-94.

(e) Office studies of balance 5 links under Peninsular component and all the 19 links under Himalayan component have been inclunded in the VIII Plan. In addition field survey & investigation of 9 links of Peninular component and 3 links of Himalayan component have been included in the VIII Plan programme of the Agency. Creation of additional irrigation potental depends on how soon schemes are investigated, projects formulated with consensus between concerned States and executed as joint project of such states.

Irrigation projects undertaken by Government

4629. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to tate:

(a) the details of irrigation projects which were undertaken by Government in Northern States of the country during Seventh Plan period alongwith the cost of each, number of hectares of agricultural land, the particular number of population in each district have been benefited by their irrigation facilities;

(b) what are the details of on-going irrigation project in the Northern States as on date and the amount spent in each so far and the target date of completing the same; and